able for a Few Nights, Then an Inspiration Brought Light Out of Darkness.

few miles north of the village of Montgomery, O., there stands at the foot sition will be made of the property of a hill a tumble-down structure long or what improvements will be made since uninhabited, which has for years upon it. been known as the Tell Gwynn man- Rev. David Edwards Blaine, whose sion. The old place might have been death occurred in Seattle a few days made comfortable enough and been in- ago, was the founder of Methodism cause of its being shunned as a place earliest pioneers of Seattle. of residence.

but his thrift got the better of his once inhabited. fears, and, being promised rent free for a year should he succeed in ridding the place of supernatural visitors, Thomas took possession. Before installing his family and household ef- 2,000 sleepers. fects in his new home, however, he deemed it prudent to try and pass a few nights there alone, and if possible solve the much vexed question as to whether unearthly spirits were in the habit of holding high carnival within

After carefully and critically examining every nook and corner of the "mansion," and finding nothing suspicious, the new tenant settled down to pass his first night beneath the roof of the "haunted house." Nothing disturbed his virgils. The second night was not so uneventful. Toward midnight he heard a noise on the big. broad staircase. Cautiously opening. the door on the landing the noise of retreating footsteps greeted his ears, finally ceasing as the intruders passed into the darkness.

It became painfully evident to Thomas that the house was indeed the refuge of the supernatural, and the rest of the night was passed in fear and sleeplessness. With it all the



DISCOVERING THE GHOST.

questioned by the neighbors as to his them by a recital of what had taken

He sprinkled a thick layer of sand on guage." the steps used by these spooks. By this means he was sure that the probler, would be solved. The third night the same programme was presented, more elattering, queer sounds, unearthly manifestations. With every facand a lantern the patient watcher steps, preceded by the cause of the noises, but failing to see what or who they were.

warded by discovering several hun- seven miles, but very rarely. gred cloven tracks. They were much could it be? This question he rethe conclusion that steel traps would furnish a solution. Acting upon this idea six traps were secured and placed upon the steps. At 12 o'clock of the fourth night of his vigils the "imps" or "demons," or what not, were on hand as usual with the usual queer noise and clattering feet. The revolver and lamp were again brought into play just as a sharp click and an unearthly scream announced a capture, and the enigma of the Tell Gwynn mansion was solved.

The traps contained three fat rabbits. The entire Thomas family are now domiciled there, and the head of the household is the local hero.

Sultan Is the Lucky Player, The sultan of Turkey imagines himself a sport. Lately he has developed a passion for playing cards for money, and the man who is unfortunate enough to win the sultan's money ineurs his enduring dislike. Public officials permit him to win, and thus save their places.

Ice Cream in the Arctics. A favorite dish with the Eskimo is an ice cream made of seal oil, into which snow is stirred until the desired consistency has been obtained; then frozen berries of different kinds are added. This decoction is about as tempting to the civilized palate as frozen cod-liver oil.

# RELIGIOUS.

Bishop McCabe, of the Methodist Episcopal church, will sail for South America early in January. He will hold several conferences in the southern continent before he returns.

Seventeen per cent. of the population of Michigan is enrolled in the Sunday schools. The average for the ised you will cost more than I can afstates and territories of the union is ford." only 16 per cent. "O!" she cried, "isn't that too bud!"

Grace church, Mannattan, nas received the gift of a sun dial whose base is made of two stone pinnacles of the church as it was built 59 years

New York city has two fire chaplains-clergymen who are attached to the fire department and attend all quired one voter. Uneanny Noises Made His Life Miser- fires so as to minister when necessary to the wants of the dying or the injured.

The Church of the Holy Communion, a historic building of Philadel-The Cincinnati Enquirer says that a phia, has been sold to a syndicate for \$350,000. It is not known what dispo-

habited all these years but for the fact on Puget Sound. He was a native of that it bore a bad name. It was a vic- New York state and a graduate of tim of the ghost habit, and this was the Hamilton college. He was one of the

Efforts are to be made by Philadel-Not long ago a farmer named George phia people to preserve the old mon-Thomas desired to settle in the neigh- astery near Wissahickon. The monborhood, but the only place vacant was astery was constructed by the Seventh the Tell Gwynn mansion, sometimes Day Baptists when they were an or-called the "White House." Knowing der, and dates back a century and a the reputation of the place he had half. It is of great historic interest, some misgivings as to the wisdom of but has fallen into decay since the trying to live in a "spook" hatchery, decline of the orders by which it was

#### RAILROADING.

In a mile of railway there are over

The Russian ministry of communica tion has decided to adopt petroleum for generating motive power on the locomotives of all the railways.

A new way to coal locomotives is be ing introduced by a prominent railway. All the engineer has to do is to run his engine on a trestle, touch a button, and a tenderful of coal drops inte his tender, and is weighed as it drops

In the new switch tower in the Grand Central yard, New York city, the windows are of green glass. It is a great protection to the eyes of the employes and enables them to keep their vision at its normal strength at all times.

In 1899 the German railways consumed 8,000 tons of carbide for the illumination of cars. The consumption the threshold and lost themselves out of carbide in Germany for 1900 is estimated at 1,000 tons, equal to 7,000,000 gallons of petreleum.

It is the intention of the new Central London Railway company to erect over its stations handsome mansions, which will be let out in residence flats, while in some cases, where space permits, attractive business premises will also be added.

### EDUCATIONAL.

The game of chess is taught in all the Australian public schools. The Japanese, it is said, have ac cepted the kindergarten principles with enthusiasm.

The sum of 150,000 marks, heretofore annually voted in Germany for the support of German schools abroad, has been doubled.

There are 1,100 Chinese pupils in Queens college, Hong-Kong, varying in age from nine up to 23, and many of them have family cares in the shape of a wife and children at home. There are about 16,000,000 pupils in of the United State many as Germany, France and Italy combined, and three times the enrollment of Great Britain and Ireland, and five times as many as Russia,

with its population of 100,000,000. man was plucky. He kept to himself A former member of her majesty's the incidents of the nights he had civil service (Hong-Kong, 25 years' expassed in the lonely house, and when perience) advertises that he has made plans for the establishment in experience refrained from satisfying New York city of a school of practical Chinese, and is ready to receive pupils and instruct them in speaking, Finally, an inspiration came to him! reading and writing the Chinese lan-

# BEES.

Eggs of choice bee queens are an article of commerce in Switzerland. Tinted glass is used in England to ulty alert and armed with a revolver measure the color of extracted honey. While a great deal of Florida honey is dashed to the door and down the fit for table use, much of it is used for manufacturing.

Bees will not ordinarily fly more than a mile and a half in quest of stores; Then it occurred to him to examine and the great bulk of them will keep the sand on the steps. He was re- within the mile limit. Bees have flown

Five thousand honey bees, as they too large for those of rats. What leave the hive, weigh about one pound, but when the insects return from the volved over and over in his mind, with visits to the flowers, freighted with honey, they weigh nearly twice as much.

# SCIENTIFIC.

The jelly fish wraps himself around his food and thus absorbs it. Photographing objects solely by the light from the planet Venus has been

successfully accomplished. It is remarkable, says F. S. Scales, that weevils never injure the germ of the grain, which therefore grows as well when it has served as a nest for

this little pest as previously. The Pollak-Virag system has been improved so that instead of signals being received in the form of a wavy line, similar to that traced by the siphon recorder, messages can now be actually printed on the paper in ordinary round hand Latin characters at the rate of 1,000 words a minute.

It Made Her Indignant. "How much to take me to the depot?"

"Fifty cents," answered the cab-"And how much for myself and my

wife?" "Seventy-five cents."

At this point a large and indignant woman broke into the conversation. "Why, you insulting fellow!" she exclaimed. "Don't you suppose I'm worth as much as he is every day in the week? Do you think I'm a trunk or a baby to be bundled in for half price? Well, I guess not."-Chicago

She Gets Them. "My dear," he said, with an ill-concealed ring of relief in his voice, "diamonds have gone up nearly 50 per cent. So I find the earrings I prom-

"Yes, I'm very sorry." "So am I, dear. It's a shame that you'll have to pay more than you can afford."—Philadelphia Press.

A Matter of Confidence "How did he acquire the reputation of being such a brilliant man?" ip-

"By means of his convincing manner," answered the other. "He got 'Cause why? They know that Santa Claus people to believing that he thoroughly understood his own arguments and they regarded him as a genius."-Washington Star.

Hasty Explanation. "What are you doing in my house?" demanded the owner of the premises, nightshirt and carrying a huge re-

of it!" replied the burglar, vanishing through a window without taking the They're longin', longin' fer the trouble to open it .- Chicago Tribune.

Hope. Mrs. Hennipeck-A few ladies and I have formed a Universal Peace so-Mr. Hennipeck (timorously but

hopefully)-Does it only concern the different nations, my dear, or-or will it also extend to your individual households?-Puck. The Cook's Ultimatum. Mr. Bacon-I shouldn't think you'd

allew any of our neighbors to abuse

you in the manner 1 overheard some one speaking to you in the back yard, a little while ago, dear. Mrs. Bacen-That wasn't any of the neighbors, John; that was the cook!-Yonkers Statesman.

Cold Comfort. "Ouch!" exclaimed Smithett, as he limped across the bedroom floor, where a new carpet had been laid; "euch! I've ruined my foot! Ouch!" "There you go," said his wife, coldly,

'always on the wrong tack!"-Chicago Times-Herald. Why He Gazed. Mrs. Binks-Of all things! That gentleman looked at your hat as we passed, just as a woman looks at an-

other woman's bonnet.

bought it of, and I haven't paid him. -N. Y. Weekly. Different Girls. Tess-Yes, I've accepted Jack. It was the second time he had proposed, you

Mr. Binks-Yes, he's the man

know, and-Jess-Oh, he told you that, did he? He made me promise not to say a word about it .- Philadelphia Press. Probably.

"Who was it said that charity begins "I suppose it was some one who didn's want to contribute."-Puck.

Not a Shining Light. "My son, I'm very sad to say," The aged father said, "You're not reflecting credit, str.
Upon my hoary head."
"Alas, it's true!" the son replied; "But what can you expect,
Since I have worn my credit out,
And have none to reflect?"

—Town Topics.

FAMILY SKELETON.



"I suppose you'll be telling people that I'm a fool." "No, dear. There are some things we must keep to ourselves."-Chicago

Daily News. There's trouble at the boarding house, There's blood upon the moon. The bold, bad, base monopolists Have cornered the festive prune!

-Chicago Tribune A Timely Innovation. Jack (at club window)-There goes Jenkins with his auto, and I'll be blowed if he hasn't a tiger up behind. George-Tiger nothing! That's the repair man .- Brooklyn Life.

Looked That Way. Jaggles-Do you really think he committed suicide? Waggles-Well, he ate mushrooms he gathered himself .- Judge.

Inconsistent. Mrs. Wabash-Lobsters never did agree with me. Mrs. Dearborn-And yet you married

one .- Yonkers Statesman. The Feminine Code. Daisy-Oh, yes, she wrote him that they must part forever and ever, but she did not mean it.

Dolly-How do you know? Daisy-Because she did not underscore it, you silly.—Baltimore Ameri-

He Took Chicken. Guest-Roast veal or roast chicken, er? Which costs the most. The chickens, I suppose. Waiter-It's all the same, sir. This is a table d'hote dinner, you know.

Guest-I know, but I want to get my

money's worth.—Philadelphia Press. Dend, Indeed. "Good morning, Mr. Cassidy," said the undertaker's humorous friend, "I suppose business is dead with you?" "Faith, it is so," replied Cassidy, with great seriousness. "I haven't buried a Hivin' soul for nearly a month."-

No Material Difference. Yeast-You say you've tried homeo pathic and allopathic doctors? Crimsonbeak-Yes, both. "Did you find any difference?" "No; the bills seemed to be just about the same." -Yonkers Statesman.

Philadelphia Press.

Cheap. Prof. Thumper-Ah, Mr. Skinflint, your daughter is so clever that it is pleasure to teach her music. Wa Skindint A mlansara an ? Wall | World.

CHIMES AND RHYMES.

The Christmas Children. The little folks at our house - they tal ut Santa Claus' comin', an' what he's

goin' to bring; mother never has to scold, or tell 'em They're just the sweetest little girls—the best o' little boys!

knows ever thing they do, while he's leadin' up his sleigh he's watchin' of 'em too!

An' them that minds their mother, they gets the most o' toys

They're just the sweetest little girls—the best o' little boys!

They've just been writin' letters to S demanded the owner of the premises, suddenly appearing on the scene in his nightshirt and carrying a huge revolver.

"I'm taking active steps to get out of it!" replied the burglar, vanishing through a window without taking the best o' little boys!

days an' nights to go.

An' all o' them are happy, an' they make their mother so! She never has to scole 'em, or tell 'em 'bout the noise—
'Cause they're the sweetest little girls—the

best o' little boys!

F. L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution. The Other Tree. O trim it up with candles, And hang costly baubles there; Make it sparkle with the splendor Of all that is rich and rare;
But no matter how you plan it,
Or how zealous you may be,
Still the choicest treasure always

Hangs upon another's tree. It may please him for an hour, For a day his joy may last; But the shouting soon is ever, And the wonder soon is past! Brighter baubles will be gleaming Out of reach, where he may see That the choicest treasure always

Hangs upon another's tree. Men and women are but children: Each sets up a tree to view; Fragile baubles deck the many, There are gems upon a few;
I may long fer your pessessions,
Yeu, perhaps, may envy me,
For the cheloest treasure always
Hangs upon another's tree.
—S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Times-Herald.

A Bachelor. Who callars all my scanty pay.
And with my little plans makes hay? Whe says mamma has come to stay? Who takes away my easy chair Because "It has no business there," And only says she doesn't care?

Who says she hasn't get a gown, And wants to put the horses down, And thinks we'd better live in town? Who commendeers my only back, Returns him with a bad sore back, And says the little beast is slack?

Who thinks that I must ride a bike, And makes me do what I don't like, And tells me if I don't she'll strike? And when I'm feeling sad and lew Who sympathizes with my woe And softly breathes: "I told you so!" NO ONE! -London Punch.

I wish no wealth or proud estate— No world-acclaim I prize; For simple Love hath made me great In a dear woman's eyes. There are no worldly gifts above The beauty of a weman's love. From Fame the glory and the gleam— Friends, and the scorn of foes. Dearer to me the humble dream,

The Greater Gift.

And from Love's hand one rose. And where my lowlier lot shall be, Only Love's arms to necklace me For Love his own rewarder is The flowery world along.
For Love the thorn is sweet to kiss,

tell is but a song.

Wherefore, I seek no preud estate, For simple Love hath made me great. -F. L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution We pulled the wishbone, she and I— She, blushing, looked away; I wished for her and heard her sigh, We pulled the wishbone, she and I-She won the wish and that was why I mourned my luck that day! We pulled the wishbone, she and L

She, blushing, looked away! Yet, though she won the wish she made not lose; you see It was a double game we played, And so she won the wish she made! Last night she told me—ah, the jade!— That she had wished for me! So, while she won the wish she made, I did not lose, you see.

S. E. Kiser, in Chicago Times-Herald.

Christmas. Sweetest day of all the year, Birth of Christ, our Saviour dear; Blessed gift to Christians given, Pathway straight from earth to Heaven

Happy home when life is done, Starry crown I will have won; In Christ's fold I mean to be, Through time and all eternity.

In the springtime of my life, I shall conquer sin and strife; In prayer and work, night and day, My feet shall tread the blessed way.

To Thee, dear Christ, my heart I give.
Through Thy birth my soul shall live;
Through each day the path I see
Proves to all, I follow Thee.
—N. Y. Observer. Jest 'Fore Christmas,

For Christmas, with its lots of candles, cakes and toys, Was made, they say, for proper kids, an' not for naughty boys; So wash your face, an' brush your hair, and so wash your race, an brush your hair, and mind your p's and q's, And don't bust out yer pantaloons, and don't wear out your shoes; Say "Xessum" to the ladies, an' "Yessur" to the men,
An' when they's company, don't pass your plate for pie again; But thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree, Jest 'fore Christmas be as good as yer kin

-Eugene Field, in Youth's Companion. Too Big a Job. Suppose I had to run this earth Just half a minute? I'd probably get rattled then, And backward spin it.

I'd likely mix up sun and air In darkness se' her; I'm giad the Lord still holds the job; He'll de it better -S. S. Kiser, in Chicago Times-Herald.

My Silent Love.

My love is lying still, My love has gone to rest: Her hands are lightly crossed Upon her gentle breast. Tread softly! Whisper low, While I my vigil keep— My leve is nine months old?

How sweet she is—asleep!
—Chicago Times-Herald. Young Burgla. - These spoons aln't silver. They are the cheapest kind o' imitation. Old Burglar-That's lucky. "Lucky?"

"Yes. Take 'em along." "What for?" "The lady of the house will be afraid to set the detectives arter us, lest they should find them spoons an' describe 'em in th' papers "-N. Y. A LITTLE OF ALL SORTS.

There are to-day in all countries more than 3,000,000 Italian emigrants. Smoking is forbidden on the platforms of street cars in Springfield,

A toy hoop fell into a conduit at Washington recently and caused a temporary suspension of traffic. The police have prohibited the rolling of boops in the city on this account.

Through the annexation of the towns of Lake, Lake View, Hyde Park and Jefferson, the original city of Chicago has lost in the last 11 years nearly \$600,000 in rebates paid from the special assessment fund.

A model of the cathedral of St. John the Divine has been under construction for the past two years. It will be a miniature building, 50 by 25 feet, with a height of 35 feet. It is on a scale of an inch to the foot.

Although the sum of \$12,000,000 has been expended during the past eight years in reducing the number of Chitago's grade crossings, that city lost t3 citizens in September in gradecrossing accidents.

Until the middle of the last century eavalry deployments were by two right angle turns, and when the diagonal march was adopted instead of making the diagonal by a half turn of each horse the movement was by the whole troop or unit.

#### POPULAR SCIENCE.

There are 798 different species of roses known.

After a protracted series of experiments it has been decided to establish telephonic communication between England and Belgium, to be opened to the public about February 1, 1901.

Surgeon General Van Reypen does set consider that Guam is a good saval station. He says that typhoid fever is practically endemic in the sland, owing to the pollution of the frinking water.

By the new Polak and Virag rapid telegraphic system the message is written by a point of light reflected from a swinging mirror at the end of a sensitized paper, and is put on the wire by means of a perforated paper running over a wheel and controlling the electric currents.

Mount St. Elias has been badly shaken by an earthquake. It is said that the mountain was considerably lorn up. The shock was so severe that a mass of ice acres in extent broke bese from the top of the meuntain and went crashing down the sides, sarrying everything with it.

## WOMAN.

In New Mexico a woman is trainmaster on the Southern Pacific. There were 574 lady patentees out of

26,000 applicants at the British patent offices during the last year. The ribbons this season are charm ingly varied in flowered, striped and spotted designs, the pannette ribbon being especially soft and rich.

Various designs in gold effects are made for the hair, and tied prettily at one side with narrow black velvet ribbon. The tendency is toward more rather than less decorations, and for flat, broad effects.

Every well regulated family should have a soup kettle. Into this go all bones, trimmings and bits both of meat and vegetables, and out of it comes a nutritious and easily digested food, suitable alike for invalids and children.

Mark Twain's daughter has become, in a limited degree, a professional singer. Her name is Miss Clara Clemens. She has studied in London and Berlin, and her mezzo-soprano is said to be rich and striking.

Among the black hunters of kangaroos in western Australia are 27 women. It is a professional business and there are about 125 persons who make it their regular business to hunt and capture the animals.

To test the heat of an oven put in sheet of thin white paper. If too hot the paper will blacken and blaze; if it turns yellow quickly the degree for puff and pastry and that with butter and yeast is attained. Cakes will do better when the paper colors more slowly.

# AUTOMOBILES.

Columbia university is the first college to have an automobile club. The automobile drivers of Chicago

are forming a union for those who handle vehicles for electric motors. The reports of the French trials of heavy vehicles show that British makers are ahead of French manufacturers as regards this particular type of

car. It is stated that a movement is on foot to do away with automobile shows. The reason for the step is to be found in the experience of the bicycle manufacturers.

An automobile service will be established between Sea Cliff, L. I., and its railway station, a mile and a half distant, as the attempt to establish a trolley line has ended in failure.

Ferry employes of the ferries around New York have to inspect each automobile to see how it is propelled, and if gasoline is the motor the operator is told that he cannot cross the ferry until he has emptied the gaseline tank. This is in accordance with 4472 of the United States Revised Statutes.

# SUPERLATIVES.

The shortest mile is the Chinese, only 609 yards. Norway has the longest, 12,182 yards. The most costly parliament in Eu-

rope is that of France. The senate and chamber of deputies cost annually £300,000. The oldest marked grave in Amer-

ica is supposed to be that in the Dorchester (Mass.) cemetary of Bernard Capen, who died November 8, 1638. On November 8 there was consigned from Boston to Liverpool the largest single shipment of apples ever made from the United States. It consisted

The biggest match factory in the world is the Vulcan match factory, at Tidahalm, Sweden. It employs over 1,200 men, and manufactures daily 900,000 boxes of matches.

of 28,285 barrels.

E. Matley, a civil engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, has found that the Big Bald Knob, in the Alleghenies, on the boundary between Somerset and Bedford counties, is the highest peak in Pennsylvania, it being 3,007 feet above the

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Bootblacks may not do business in

Boston on Sunday. Health authorities estimate that ten per cent. of the men who go to Cape Nome never come back alive. Winston-Salem, N. C., is to have a

negro hospital to cost \$10,000. R. J.

Reynolds giving half this sum and the negroes having raised the other half. It will be operated in connection with the Slater industrial school. In New Zealand there exists a brass band whose members are wholly mounted on bicycles. This band consists of ten players, and these not

merely ride their bicycles to practice, but fulfill their engagements on the The highest price paid at the recent sale of the Sprague collection of art objects, at the American Art Galleries in New York, was \$800, which was given for a set of bronze statnettes, the work of Sano Takachika.

#### CURIOUS FACTS.

With the exception of birds, men's legs are longer in proportion to their body than those of any other animal. One thousand pounds of dough for piscuits is relled, cut and prepared for baking in three hours and fifty-four minutes by machinery, as against fiftyfour hours by hand.

The production of natural vegetable indigo, obtained by fermenting the leaves of the plant, is said to equal today the entire world's production of other dyestuffs.

The father of all trees, so far as age ces, is said to be found on the island of Cos, belonging to Asia Minor. A ess than 2,900 years old.

Profoundly Impress "There's no use o' talkin'," said Bronco Bob, "this castern education is splendid."

"Have you visited any of our pubde schools?" "Yes, and they are fine.

scheme of havin' all the children hold up their hands every time the teacher speaks to 'em is great. It gives 'em practical trainin' fur the real battle of life, in which knowin' when to throw up both hands an' doin' it in a hurry may mean so much."-Washing-

Liable to Seizure. "This," said the freight handler, "Is box of feathers." "What kind of feathers?" inquired the agent.

"Tail feathers of roosters. Shipped from New York millinery concern out "Well, fust put down one box of Manhattan cocktails."-Chicago Daily

Winning a Reputation. And so the people said it Was for the reason that Ne man would give him credit.

-Chicage Times-Herald.



Teacher-You will have to bring me an excuse for your absence yesterday

from your father. Willie-Aw! he ain't no good on excuses; ma catches him every time .-Washington Star.

Two of a Kind. "They say the barber looks like me," Said Mr. Newliwedded. The only likeness I can see Is that we're both baldheaded." Pardonable. Gentleman-See here! I'm not going

to pay any such rates as you charge. Do you think I'm a fool? Cabman (apologetically)-What else could I think, sir, when you took a cab instead of a street car?-N. Y. Weekly.

The Impossible. "He is awfully nice," she sobbed, "but I can't-I can't." "Can't what?" queries her mother. "Give up my name of Willoughby for his of Snobkins," was the tearful

answer .- Tit-Bits. Able Financiering. Grocer-Well, little one, what can I do for you?

Jenny-Please, sir, mamma says will

you change a dollar for her and she'll

give you the dollar to-morrow .- N. Y. The Fickle Fair. Cobwigger-Howell says the women read books while the men read the

papers. Merritt-That accounts for the fact that the popular novel changes as often as the fashions.—Judge. Too Talkative. Willie-Just one more question, pa

made of dust. Am I? Pa-I guess not. If you were you'd dry up once in awhile.-Philadelphia Press.

Lacked an Attribute.

mule."

"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum "the trouble about him is that he hasn't as much pull as a mule."-Washington Star.

Handleapped.

"Tibbs, I never hear you make any fun of your wife's cooking." "Well, no; you see, she belongs to so many cooking clubs that I do a good deal of the home cooking my-

#### EUROPEAN ROYALTY.

The princess of Monaco is the only ewish consort of a reigning sovereign. The czar of Russia is said to have personally a great admiration for Tolstoi and his works.

artist. The German emperor wears two

tains a useful little watch and the other is in the form of a gold cable. The queen of England rarely sends any telegrams to any member of the

arranged for her and their use. They represent the "Seven Gods of now engaged in the construction of another yacht for the Muscovite emperor, which, while smaller, is to far surpass everything as yet known in comfort

and luxury. King George of Greece refuses to part with a bullet which imbedded itself in the wood of his carriage when he was waylaid and shot at several times at the conclusion of the war in Turkey. He considered his escape so miraculous that he had the bullet extracted and set in his watch charm, firmly believing that it is mercifully designed to insure

him immunity from assassination. The czar when a youth showed a tendency to lassitude, which pointed to a want of physical stamina. This disinclination to physical exertion showed itself when he was visiting the queen German savant, whose knewledge runs of Balmoral, and the royal keepers along that line, declares the tree is not were a little chagrined at the lack of enthusiasm which he displayed with regard to the deer stalking arranged

# TRADE.

An interesting textile exposition is to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in 1902. The German pencil trade is suffering

ican lead pencil makers. For cotton seed in its natural state the export demand, though unimportant, has shown a steady decrease dur-

outside world as well as those required by our own peopde. During the last century the balance of trade has been on the side of the

The principal countries which show an excess of exports over imports are Canada, Mexico, Argentine, Chili, Australasia, India, Egypt, Spain, Austria, Hungary and Russia.

The imports of this republic in 1808 were nearly two-thirds as much as those of Great Britain, while at the end of the century they are less than onethird. At the same time our exporte have increased three times as rapidly as those of Great Britain. There is a popular impression that

nishing their own luxuries, but figures show that their dependence upon foreign nations has been increasing with the years, and that the balance of trade is now largely against them.

La Rochefoucald, at 52, published his "Reflections."

on "Population" at 32. Aristotle, after long thought, began his great series at 50.

Diderot began the "Encyclopedia" at 38 and finished it at 56. Hegel, before 30, had laid out the outlines of his system of philosophy.

At 42 Kant began and at 52 he completed his great work, "Critique of Pure Reason.'

pleted it at 30. Plato, between 20 and 40, was with Socrates, and taught philosophy between 40 and 88 or 89.

"Monarchist." Condillae at 12 years, on account of his feeble health, could not read; at 31, published his "Origin of Human Knowledge;" at 39 his "Sensation."

There are now 68,403 post offices in the United States. Of these 2,621 were added last year.

of this country has 9,253 steamers and 15,000 boilers under its charge. Estimates of the largest wine makers in Caifornia indicate that the wine production of the state this year

000 gallons of sweet wine. The flags to be hoisted at one time in signaling at sea never exceed four. It is an interesting arithmetical fact that, with 18 various colored flags, and never more than four at a time,

Turkey, £3,690; emperor of Austria, £2,000; German emperor, £1,600; king of Italy, £1,300; Queen Victoria, £1,300; king of Belgium, £1,300; president

self."-Indianapolis Journal.

Favored ones who have seen pictures painted by Empress Frederick recognize in this royal lady an admirable

bracelets on his left wrist. One con-

royal family, or to her intimate friends, otherwise than in cipher, a system of figure ciphers having been carefully The Danish shipyards which turned out the yacht Standard for the czar are

for his diversion.

severely from the competition of Amer

ing the past six years. We have surpassed France in the production of articles needed by the

United States with greater frequency than in any other country.

the French surpass all others in supplying their own necessities and fur-

THE AGES OF SAGES. Hobbes wrote his "Human Intellect"

Seneca, between 50 and 60, wrote his "Consolations." Malthus published his great work

Jacobi, the "German Plato," wrote his best works between 40 and 50.

Hume began "Human Nature" at 23, and, after seven years of labor, com-

Shaftesbury at 22 entered the house commons and exhibited great energy; at 38, published his work on "Tribute and Merit," and at 38 the

### His later works were of less account. FIGURES.

The steamboat inspection service

will reach between 13,500,000 and 15,-000,000 gallons of dry wine and 7,000,-

Our Sunday school teacher says I'm no fewer than 78,642 signals can be given. The income of the emperor of Russia for one day is £5,000; sultan of

then, I s'pose I don't have to pay you for it .- N. Y. Journal. That politician is as stubborn as of the United States. £25.